

The Writer's Bloc

October Meeting:

Monday, October 23, 2006

Critique Session: 5 - 7 pm

Program: 7 - 9 pm

The Estates on Lake Granbury

916 East Highway 377

Granbury, TX 76048

Located behind the Valero station at Old Cleburne Road

Meeting Program:

"Please, don't tie me to the railroad track!" Sweet Sue begged the dastardly Snideley Whiplash.

"Tell me where the deed to the ranch is or it's the end of the line for you!" Snidley twirled his moustache and chuckled his diabolical threat.

In the distance our hero shaded his eyes from the glaring sun. The train from Dallas charged toward them. He had to make a choice and make it fast. Should he race to save Sweet Sue and take a chance of ruining his new Monster Pick-up Truck tires, or should he mosey on down to the bar for a sarsaparilla.

Tune in at the October Writers' Bloc Meeting to find out the fate of our heroine as we study scene and sequel and investigate how to use it in fiction and creative non-fiction. As a follow up on last summer's program we'll review that perfect ending to sell a creative non-fiction article and will help the fiction writer advance their plot.

FYI::

Robert Taylor will try to have copies of his book, *Laughter And Tears*, available for sale at the October meeting. If he does not have enough copies he will have order forms.

October Hospitality:

The REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE for October is Barbara D'Amario, Carol Cook and Jan Wright.

Jan and friends last month spoiled us with that luau. This month we're having sandwiches, potato salad and baked beans. Dessert will be a surprise. Is it just me, or is there anyone else thinking of the old Grandpa Jones "What's for Supper?" segments on Hee Haw? Mmmm, mmmm!

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September Meeting Notes:

We had Steven Sherwood, author of *Hardwater*, as our speaker in September. Steven is not only an entertaining speaker and great author, he is an excellent writing teacher. We all learned more about writing a great novel as well as how to increase your chances of selling to a publisher. He promised to come back in the summer and spend a day teaching a workshop for our group

We had 17 members and 4 visitors at the September meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Stambaugh from The Estates and Ila Verne & Jim Stull from Glen Rose. If you know the Stulls, call and invite them back. Jim was great fun!

There were two critique groups: 5 readers in one, and 6 in the other. We will make as many critique groups as we need to ensure everyone gets to read. Please come and join us if you can.

For those that can't be there for the critique sessions but arrive early for the meetings please try to keep the noise level down so as to not disturb the critique sessions. The participants thank you.

Events:

Remember to mark March 9th and 10th of 2007 for Writing Down the Brazos. You don't want to miss this opportunity to sail into the world of publishing.

Financial Matters:

Please be prepared to pay for Chips! ordered at the October meeting. The price has not been finalized yet but is expected to be under \$10.

Random Thoughts:

Election day is coming soon. Milton Berle once said *"Folk who don't know why America is the Land of Promise should be here during an election campaign."*

Someone else (sorry, I don't know who it was) said *"Elections are when people find out what politicians stand for and politicians find out what people will fall for."*

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Brag:

From Janie Hall:

After having 3 articles accepted by Texas Outdoor Sports News, the editor said he had good response to my articles and would consider me a monthly contributor, for a least a year.

From Jan Wright:

Writer's Digest 75th annual competition, 4 submissions. I just read the winners in the Nov. issue of WD. I wasn't on any list!! REJECTION, and I am dejected!!

I've sent two stories to Chicken Soup (Christmas & Shoppers) One rejection and one ??

I've submitted one to Granbury Showcase which was rejected.

I've sent 4 entries to the Writer's Digest 75th annual writing competition. Winners announced on Oct. 21. Everybody pray!

I've sent a 17 page medical story called Living Long Enough To Die to Creative Nonfiction for a book "Silence Kills" which will publish in 2007. \$1,000 and three \$500 for best essays. Keep praying!

I just finished a Short Short Story (1500 words) for Writer's Digest 7th Annual competition. Mailing today (Another murder mystery)

I'm sending a snapshot to Planet's Funniest Animals today.

Congrats To Violet Pollard: our Treasurer, Violet Pollard, has been elected President of the Petals and Pals Garden Club.

Officers:

President:	Robert Taylor
Vice President:	Peggy Purser Freeman
Secretary:	Connie Leonard
Treasurer:	Violet Pollard
Newsletter:	Lloyd Christensen
Hospitality:	Jan Wright
Publicity:	Holli Harrison

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